Mosquito Look-alikes

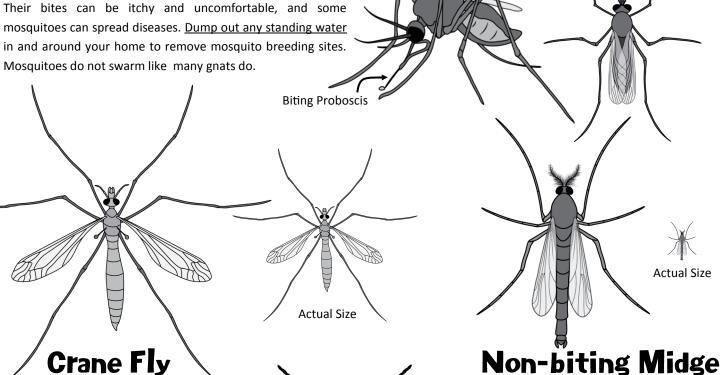
There are many harmless mosquito look-alikes that do not bite people and do not spread diseases. Before reporting a mosquito problem, check if one of these harmless look-alikes may be the issue instead.

> Biting **Proboscis**

> > Actual Size



Mosquitoes have a long proboscis that they use to bite people.

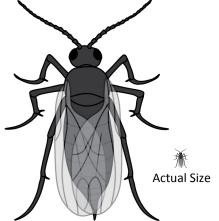


Crane Fly

Appearance: Look like large mosquitoes but without a biting proboscis. Body size can range from 1/16" to 1.5".

Actual Size

Breeding Source: Moist soil Harmful?: They do not bite people



Fungus Gnat

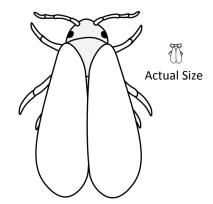
Appearance: Small dark insects, hairy or spiny legs, often seen swarming

Breeding Source: Moist soil, potted plants Harmful?: Can damage plants, harmless to people

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Breeding Source: Drains, sewers Harmful?: Harmless to people



Appearance: Large feathery antennae.

Breeding Source: Bodies of water

Harmful?: Short lived and do not bite

Often seen swarming in large groups when weather is warm. Very common insects.

Whitefly

Appearance: Small white insects **Breeding Source:** Undersides of leaves Harmful?: Pests of plants, harmless to people